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1. SUMMARY: LOCAL NEWS DOMINATED HEADLINES THIS PAST WEEK. EDITORIALS DEALT WITH POTPOURRI NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SUBJECTS. MEDIA GEARING UP FOR OAU MINISTERIAL AND SUMMIT CONFERENCES. SIGNIFICANT U.S. RELATED ITEMS EDITORIALY TREATED WERE ISRAELI RESPONSES TO U.S. QUESTIONS AND IMMIGRATION SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL. COMMENTATORS ROUNDLY CONDEMNED ISRAELI RESPONSES AND ACCUSED U.S. OF DUPLICITY IN PRESSURING RUSSIA TO FACILITATE IMMIGRATION SOVIET JEWS. END SUMMARY

2. ISRAELI RESPONSES TO U.S. QUESTIONS: JUNE 28 AL-AYAM COMMENTED: "EITHER THE U.S. OR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD IMPOSE A PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

3. IMMIGRATION SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL: JUNE 29 AL-AYAM OPINED: "THE U.S. CONTINUES TO PRESSURE SOVIET AUTHORITIES TO FACILITATE IMMIGRATION RUSSIAN JEWS TO ISRAEL, THUS DEMONSTRATING ITS CONTINUING SUPPORT
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FOR A RACIST STATE THROUGH DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE U.S. PAYS NO ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION OF ARAB DETAINEES IN ISRAEL." COMMENTATOR CONCLUDED: "IT IS TIME FOR THE U.S. TO REALIZE IT HAS COMMITTED MORE MISTAKES AGAINST ARAB RIGHTS THAN THE SOVIET UNION. TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION, THE U.S. MUST KEEP NEUTRAL TOWARD THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE.

FOR THE SOVIET UNION, IT SHOULD STOP SUCH IMMIGRATION
IF IT WANTS TO STRENGTHEN ITS RELATIONS WITH ARABS."
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